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For: **SELF-ALIGNING COUPLING ASSEMBLY**

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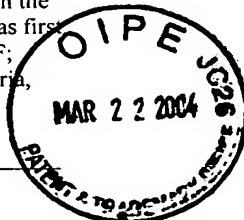
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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